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SUBJECT: EC RECALCULATION OF GATE PRICES FOR POULTRY
MEAT

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1. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL THE EC COMMISSION HAS AGREED
ON A PROPOSAL TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE GATE PRICES FOR
POULTRY AND POULTRY PARTS EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST 1974.

2. BASED ON TODAY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH FEDMINAG, FURTHER
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DETAILS OF THE EC PROPOSED GATE PRICE INCREASES ARE AS

FOLLOWS:

A) AS A RESULT OF LAST MINUTE UPWARD ADJUSTMENTS OF CERTAIN FACTORS, THE GATE PRICE INCREASE AS PROPOSED BY THE EC COMMISSION AND REPORTED REFTEL (DM 3.51 TO DM 4.21) WAS INCREASED FURTHER BY THE COMMITTEE SPECIALE TO ABOUT DM 4.30/KG. THE FINAL GATE PRICE STILL IS NOT YET DEFINITE AND COULD VARY SLIGHTLY UPWARD FROM DM 4.30/KG.

B) FURTHERMORE THE CONVERSION FACTORS USED IN CALCULATING THE GATE PRICES FOR CERTAIN POULTRY PARTS WERE ALSO ADJUSTED TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE U.S. FOLLOWING ARE THE NEW FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S. (PREVIOUS FACTORS IN BRACKETS):

DEBONED POULTRY MEAT	2.0	(1.95)
HALVES AND QUARTERS	1.1	(1.0)
BACKS AND NECKS	0.45	(0.45)
WINGS	0.65	(0.65)
TURKEY BREASTS	1.65	(1.65)
TURKEY DRUMSTICKS	0.90	(0.80)
TURKEY THIGHS AND WHOLE LEGS	1.55	(1.45)

C) BASED ON THESE FACTORS AND THE PRELIMINARY GATE PRICE FOR WHOLE TURKEYS - NEW GATE PRICES FOR PARTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: DM/KG (PRESENT GATE PRICES IN BRACKETS)

DEBONED POULTRY MEAT	7.92	(6.71)
HALVES AND QUARTERS	4.73	(3.51)
BACKS AND NECKS	1.93	(1.55)
TURKEY BREASTS	7.09	(5.79)
TURKEY DRUMSTICKS	3.87	(2.81)
TURKEY THIGHS AND WHOLE LEGS	6.66	(5.09)

3. TECHNICAL FACTORS UTILIZED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE NEW GATE PRICE ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. WE HOPE TO OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION SOON.

4. WE WERE INFORMED BY MINAG OFFICIALS THAT THE FRENCH AND DUTCH WERE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ACTION, AND IT WAS NOT OPPOSED BY THE GERMAN DELEGATION. IT IS PART OF A CONTINUING PROGRAM TO INCREASE COMMUNITY POULTRY MEAT PRICES.

5. A SIMILAR BASIC REVIEW OF FACTORS IN THE CALCULATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE GATE PRICE WILL BE MADE ANNUALLY.
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